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REMARKS

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1. On 5 May 1954, installation No 43 of the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg was occupied by air force soldiers who [redacted] had arrived between 26 and 30 April, coming from Wittstock. Around 20 May, an air force unit with about 10 trucks arrived in the restricted area. The personnel were quartered in buildings Nos 1 and 2 and the trucks were parked in the garage in building No 35. On 24 May, sedan [redacted] was parked in front of building No 1. A saleswoman of the NO shop stated that the newly arrived soldiers were not yet familiarized with German money. On 20 May, truck [redacted] of the air force unit commanded by Major Igoryev (fnu) was observed at the field. 25X1
2. Toward the evening of 5 May, about 26 officers and about 50 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived in the air force section of Weisse Stadt. The officers were quartered in buildings Nos 55, 56 and 57 and the EM in building No 43. The former buildings had previously been occupied by members of Unit Igoryev who moved to building No 54. Supply officer of the newly arrived unit was Lieutenant Trofimshuk (fnu). [redacted] During the evening of 20 May, another air force unit of about 100 men, including officers, and about 25 trucks arrived in Weisse Stadt. Officers assigned to this unit included supply officer Captain Ilyashuk (fnu) and Major Kaslov (fnu) who used sedan [redacted]. The EM were quartered in buildings Nos 1, 2, 16 and 17, while the motor vehicles were parked in the garage of building No 35. Building No 3 was meanwhile completed and occupied by officers of Unit Kuleshov. Four classrooms were established in building No 13 for the children of these officers. 25X1
3. On 20 May, a shipment of about 15 trucks arrived in Weisse Stadt. On 29 May, 8 tank trucks [redacted] were observed which had possibly arrived on the same day. On 30 May, two quartering buildings in Weisse Stadt were occupied by air force soldiers. Their officers were housed in the buildings near Hans Schemm School. The soldiers allegedly were an advance detail assigned the mission to prepare Weisse Stadt and the airfield for air force units which were expected to arrive in approximately 14 days. Sedans [redacted] were observed in the installation.¹ 25X1

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4. During May, 8 Po-2s were stationed at Oranienburg airfield and parked in the large hanger. There was only little air activity and at irregular intervals.
5. In mid-May, Oranienburg airfield was occupied by about 10 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14. This estimate was supported by the observation of 10 Po-2s which approached from the east and landed at the field about 1400 on 10 May. Between 1030 and 1300 on 4 June, 28 Po-2s landed at the field. Some of the aircraft had several white diagonal stripes on their rudder assemblies. Between 6 May and 10 June, there was air activity by Po-2s and Yak-14s at irregular intervals.²
6. Approximately since early May, Hans Schemm School in Weisse Stadt was apparently occupied to capacity. At the end of May, the air force section in Weisse Stadt, except for the building along the railroad line, was occupied by air force soldiers, while the motor vehicles of the personnel were parked in garage No 35, where a total of 14 trucks was observed on 26 May.
7. On 25 May, air force soldiers were seen unloading 4 boxcars on the spur track of the field. About 1300, a truck without a number and loaded with 20 to 30 sacks of flour and 10 air force soldiers moved toward Hans Schemm School. Shortly before, two trucks loaded with mattress covers, crates and billeting equipment had been observed at the entrance to the field on the road to Weisse Stadt.
8. Since approximately mid-May, an increased number of Soviet officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and some with red-bordered black epaulets were observed in Oranienburg military post. The personnel apparently were not familiar with the area.
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10. Between 20 May and 8 June, Po-2s were observed flying over the airfield at irregular intervals. The aircraft were parked in the large hanger.²
11. For the first time on 20 May, air force sentries were observed at the airfield. One sentry was posted at the northern entrance and another sentry was at the northeastern corner. On 1 June, the fuel dump was also guarded. On 30 May, 2 railroad carloads of billeting equipment were observed near the spur track north of the hanger within the airfield boundary.
12. On 17 May, air force motor vehicles moved toward Schmachtenhagen, coming from Oranienburg. These vehicles were apparently employed for hauling billeting equipment for the air force unit to Weisse Stadt. During the afternoon, 2 trucks, each occupied by 4 EM and 1 or 2 air force officers, were again observed on the road. The officers wore short jackets with zippers and brown fur collars. On 24 and 25 May, air force personnel were moving into buildings Nos 1, 2, 16 and 17. Apparently not all of the rooms were occupied. About 15 trucks, including 1 ambulance and some tank trucks, were parked in garage No 35. On the morning of 30 May, about 80 soldiers and 10 officers fell in between the buildings Nos 16 and 17. Two field kitchens were also observed there.

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The number of field kitchens had been increased to 4 by 8 July. All of them were in operation. The number of motor vehicles in garage No 35 also increased to about 30. About 6 small one-axle truck trailers loaded with wooden boxes and tarpaulins and 3 small one-axle iron carriages required for the transportation of oxygen flasks were parked in front of the garage.

13. On 24 May, approximately 3 carloads of sacks with flour or grain, about 2 carloads of boxes, each about 80 x 50 x 50 cm, and about 30 steel flasks were stored near the spur track just north of the airfield. One truck loaded with sacks of flour moved from the spur track toward Weisse Stadt. Two additional trucks came from Weisse Stadt en route to the spur track. Each of the two trucks was occupied by 6 air force soldiers who wore dirty uniforms and appeared as if they had been on a long trip.

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14. [REDACTED] 25X1

1. Comment. The presence in Oranienburg of the air force construction unit with Major Igoryev as chief was previously reported. The former location of the units of officers Trofimshuk, Ilyashuk and Kaslov which reportedly arrived on 5 and 20 May 1954, has not been determined. The three officers are reported for the first time. The purpose of Unit Kuleshov has not been determined either. The statement that an advance detail of an air unit arrived appears probable. The motor vehicles reported have previously been observed in Oranienburg.

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2. Comment. It is believed that, since 6 May 1954, about 10 Po-2s assigned to a training unit of Finow fighter division have been stationed at Oranienburg airfield. The observed increase to 28 Po-2s cannot be explained and the assignment of the surplus aircraft is not known.

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